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# Department of the Interior,

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 11 1906

DEAR SIR,

I wish to obtain information respecting the derivation of the place-names of Canada—of the names of the villages, towns, cities and of the natural features, such as rivers, lakes, capes, bays, mountains, etc.—and shall be much obliged if you will give me any information that you may possess or can procure, respecting the below-mentioned name and also respecting the names of any other features in the vicinity of your residence concerning which you have knowledge.

In many localities, the older generation is passing, or has passed away, and unless steps are taken to collect this information, it will, in many instances, be too late. In most communities there are persons who take an interest in things of this nature or who have been connected with the early settlement of the locality. If there are any such in your neighbourhood, will you kindly submit this to them.

Below I have indicated the lines along which I desire information and also the commoner derivatives of place-names in Canada :—

(1.) Whether named after a village, town or city, or natural feature in any other province or country ; if so, the name of province or country in which the original locality is situated.

(2.) Whether named after a person ; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name as rendered by the person and any details of interest respecting him (or her) such as (a) Whether alive or, if dead, approximate year of death ; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality and, if so, whether still living there.

(3.) Whether named after a natural feature ; if so, any details respecting the origin of the name as applied to the feature and the geographical position of the latter.

(4.) Whether the town, village or city ever had any other name or names ; if so, at what dates, approximately, and the origin of these obsolete names.

Any information bearing on the above will be deemed a courtesy.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE,

*Geographer.*

Kindly write your reply on the attached sheet.

To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

*Glenn Payne*

Stormont Co. Ont.

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Glen Payne P. O. was established in the year 1896  
and is situated in one of the fertile flats along  
the Payne River, from which it bears its name

The Payne River, I am informed, was called  
after Lord Glen Payne, who, in the early part  
of eighteenth century brought over to Canada  
a colony of Scottish Highlanders which settled  
along the Ottawa River in the vicinity of  
Chatham

After some time, or about - eighteen fifty  
a number of these sturdy Highlanders removed  
to this locality, which was then a dense  
wilderness. A few of the descendants of these  
early pioneers are here still, and they wished  
to have the new P. O. called Glen Payne

James White

Geographer

Ottawa

Dear Sir

I am mailing you herewith a very  
Brief History of Glen Payne. I have not  
the time to do it as I would like.

However I think you have enough  
to serve your purpose. you might  
find the History of Lord Glenfayne  
in the Government Library in the House  
of Commons Ottawa which might give  
you more information concerning  
this interesting place

yours. Respectfully

John D McInnes

Postmaster

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